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Mike,

Attached is the SITLA briefing for the Secretary. I apologize for being a little late. There are so many things going on with SITLA that it was hard to condense it to one page, but I think these are the major issues relevant to his visit. Feel free to edit as you wish. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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I have attached several of the draft document for your use. Please feel free to contact me with  
any questions. Thanks for your support. Thanks--Mike  
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## INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**DATE:** May 7, 2017, 2:45 - 3:15 pm

**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, SITLA

**FROM:** Author – Brandon Johnson, Realty Specialist, BLM Utah State Office, 801-539-4105

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The meeting will be to discuss Bears Ears and Grand Staircase as well as any hot button SITLA-BLM issues.

### II. BACKGROUND

SITLA and BLM are working together on many current issues in Utah, including: management issues related to SITLA inholdings within national monuments and other BLM administered lands, legislative and administrative land exchanges, selection of lands granted at statehood, and other various issues.

### III. DISCUSSION

#### Bears Ears

- The Proclamation establishing the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) directed the Secretary to explore entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Utah for the exchange of approximately 109,000 acres of State inholdings within BENM for BLM lands outside the monument. Further, the Secretary was ordered to report to the President by January 19, 2017 regarding the potential for the exchange. In response, the BLM drafted an MOU for review by SITLA. SITLA has currently declined to participate in review of the MOU.
- SITLA and the BLM Monticello Field Office have also been in discussions regarding several localized management issues within BENM, including the proposed Jim Joe land exchange, the Cave Towers management agreement, and a recent and proposed sale of SITLA inholdings within the monument into private ownership.

#### Grand Staircase

- An agreement was reached in 1998 to exchange all SITLA inholdings in Grand Staircase for BLM lands outside the monument. The agreement also included a \$50 million cash payment to the State. As recently reported in E&E News, via information obtained from SITLA, the lands acquired from the BLM have produced nearly \$341 million for the State as of late April.

#### Other SITLA-BLM Issues

- SITLA and BLM have been in discussions to initiate a large scale land exchange within the expanded Utah Test and Training Range as mandated by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017.
- SITLA and BLM are currently renewing an MOU regarding procedures for clearing any remaining in-lieu land entitlement selections.

### IV. ATTACHMENTS

None